

CORE

WEEK 9 | CHURCH

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Matthew 16:13-18; Acts 2:40-47; Ephesians 2:11-22; Ephesians 4:1-16; Hebrews 10:24-25

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You for the church—Your family, the body of Christ, and Your bride. Help us discover the beauty and purpose of Your church, as we grow together in worship, unity, and service. May we faithfully and humbly pursue You, and reflect Christ so that Your name is glorified among all people. Amen.

READ EPHESIANS 4:11-12

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

(Ephesians 4:11-12)

DISCUSS

1. When you hear the word “church,” what comes to mind first? How does the biblical picture of the church as God’s family, Christ’s body, God’s dwelling place, and Christ’s bride expand or challenge your understanding?
2. Which image of the church (family, body, dwelling place, or bride of Christ) resonates most with you right now, and why? How should that shape the way you relate to other believers?
3. Acts 2:42-47 shows the church abiding in Christ, serving, sharing, giving, and multiplying. Which of these practices is strongest in your life right now, and which one needs greater attention?
4. How can our group help one another move from being consumers of the church to active partners?

APPLY

1. Many have experienced church hurt. Is there a step of forgiveness, healing, or reconciliation that God may be calling you to take?
2. What is one step you can take this week to contribute to the unity and mission of the church?
3. If every member of the church participated in the same way you currently do, what kind of church would it become? What might God be asking you to change?

FAMILY GUIDE

CORE TRUTH:

The church is not made of walls and rooms, but people transformed by Jesus.

READ ACTS 2:46-47

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:46-47)

QUESTIONS

1. Why is gathering with other believers important?
2. How do we know the church is more than just a building?
3. What is one way our family can live like the church this week?